



## Thelma Dovellos

February 2, 1930 - February 5, 2026

Thelma Dovellos (nee Galanos), age 96, of Merrillville, IN, passed away on February 5, 2026. Thelma is survived by her three daughters: Leni (Dave) Vinzant, Marianne (Tim) Mecyssne and Johanna (JoJo) Kritikos; grandchildren: Christo (Amanda) Paras, Niko Kritikos and Jimmy Kritikos; great grandchildren: George Paras, Theodora Paras and Gus Paras; close cousins: Mike Troumouliaris, Thelma Troumouliaris, Nick Gianikos and Maureen Gianikos; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy; parents, John and Helen Galanos; brothers, Chris and Gus Galanos; and grand-daughter, Deanna Paras. Thelma was a member of SS Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral and St. Helen's Philoptochos Women's Society. Thelma was born in Gary, IN, lived several years of her young adult life in Tarpon Springs, FL and graduated from Emerson High School in Gary in 1949. She was creative and an excellent homemaker, loving mother, wife & yiayia. She loved playing her records & piano; loved old classic movies, especially westerns & musicals and loved being around young people, playing games. She loved playing hostess at holiday get-togethers and looked forward to Birthday Club.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point IN 46307 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM with a Trisagion Service at 5:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 10:00 am, DIRECTLY at SS Constantine &

Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8000 Madison St., Merrillville, IN 46410.  
Interment to follow at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. In lieu of  
flowers, donations may be given to SS Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox  
Cathedral. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Trisagion Service

FEB 10. 5:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
8000 Madison St.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Our condolences to the Dovellos/ Paras families on the lost of your mother/ grandmother. I remember her for as long as I've known u girls and she was just a fantastic person with a heart of gold. My Stephanie is very saddened to hear of her passing but eyes filled with joy she is with her grandmother. We send our love and condolences during this difficult time. May she rest in eternal peace



Sincerely,

Karen ( Gomez) Cunningham-Abner

and

Stephanie German

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**Karen L Cunningham-Abner** - February 11 at 01:35 PM

HS

Dearest family, I just heard today about the passing of your amazing Mom. I'm so so sorry that I didn't know, I would have not missed paying my last respect to Thelma, we go back 70 years. Your mom had a heart of gold and amazing values with family and friends, her and my Mom made so many beautiful memories after your Dad passed. May God Rest her beautiful soul and I know her memory will be forever eternal. My deepest Condolences ❤️❤️

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**Helene Stojcevski** - February 23 at 09:30 PM

CG

“ God bless you Lenny jojo and Marianne. God bless the galanos family. The best people I ever met. God bless the soul of thelma

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**chris gielow** - February 10 at 05:48 PM

DT

“ *Leni and family,*

*Nick and I are so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. May her precious memory be eternal.*

*Nick and Diane Tournis  
Florence, AZ*

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**Diane Tournis** - February 10 at 11:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thelma Dovellos.*



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February 10 at 11:30 AM

CT

“ *Constance Thiros planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma Dovellos.*

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**Constance Thiros** - February 10 at 11:30 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Thelma Dovellos.*



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February 10 at 10:12 AM

SF

“ Scott McCoy & Cooper Hawk Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma Dovellos.

Scott McCoy & Cooper Hawk Family - February 10 at 10:12 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thelma Dovellos.



February 09 at 07:52 PM

WC

“ Wendy Bohl, Brian and Cheryl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma Dovellos.

Wendy Bohl, Brian and Cheryl - February 09 at 07:52 PM

CM

“ A beautiful smile and so much fun to be with. Thelma, I'll miss you dearly my sweet friend.

Cathleen Ann Morrison - February 09 at 04:26 PM

PP

“ Popi and Mike Popyk purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Thelma Dovellos.



Popi and Mike Popyk - February 09 at 03:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Thelma Dovellos*.



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February 09 at 01:27 PM



“ *The Capiello Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Thelma Dovellos*.

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**The Capiello Family** - February 09 at 01:27 PM